

ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Shelby Baptist Association,

HELD AT

BEAVER CREEK CHURCH, SHELBY COUNTY, ALABAMA,

From the 8th to the 10th of October, 1864.

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The Delegates to the Shelby Association of Baptist Churches met at Beaver Creek Church on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1864.

Introductory sermon preached by Elder N. J. NORRIS (Elder J. D. Teague being absent,) after which the Association was called to order by the former Moderator, and opened by prayer by Brother HAGGARD.

Letters from the Churches then called for, received and read from the following Churches, and names of Delegates present enrolled, to-wit:

Beaver Creek—Westley Armstrong, R. R. Rushing and John Russell.

Bethesda—J. D. TEAGUE, N. J. NORRIS and James Minor.

Liberty—T. P. HOLCOMBE, J. R. GILBERT, E. C. Horton and A. Adams.

Columbiana—A. A. Sterrett.

Pleasant Hill—Joseph Vanderslice.

Canaan—William Lucas.

Providence—Elias Crim.

Cahaba—R. WOOD and John Bailey.

Montervallo—NOAH HAGGARD and RUFUS FIGH.

Six Mile—Letter; and money for minutes, but no delegate.

Dogwood Grove—HIRAM HALSAMBACH and W. F. DELOACH.

Mt. Calvary—W. W. ARMSTRONG and Blautan Moore.

Eban—No letter or delegate, but money for minutes.

Mt. Pleasant—Letter but no delegate, and money for minutes.

Pleasant Grove—ASA WYATT and Larkin Vanderslice.

Proceeded to the election of Moderator and Clerk.

T. P. Holcombe was elected Moderator and A. A. Sterrett Clerk.

The constitution, abstract of principles and rules of decorum of the association read.

Invited visiting brethren to sit with us.

Brother Meraney came forward. Brother Holman, also, who was received as agent of the Orphan Asylum, and was requested to address the Association on the subject.

Brethren Eiler, Vanderslice, Horton, and the clerk and deacon of Beaver Creek Church were appointed a committee to arrange preaching during the sitting of this year.

Called for correspondence, minutes and letter received from the Mulberry Association, by Elder T. J. Freeman.

Appointed Brethren Norris and DeLoach a Committee on Education; Brethren Ha-

gard, Gilbert and Armstrong a Committee on Documents; and on Intemperance, Brethren Figh, Rushing and Gilbert.

Appointed Brethren Figh, Crim and Haggard messengers to the Mulberry Association; Brethren Carden, Teague, Adams and Norris to the Coosa River Association; Brethren Deloach and Gilbert to the Cannan Association, and Brethren Bailey and Haggard to the Cahaba Association.

The Committee on Documents reported that Brethren Carden and Hand to preach at night, and Brother Holman to preach the introductory sermon by Brother Figh.

After Brother Holman, the Association adjourned until 9 o'clock Monday

Sunday, at 11 o'clock A. M., Brother Figh preached the Missionary sermon from the 3d verse of the 6th chapter of Nehemiah, after which, and a few appropriate remarks by Brother Holman, a collection was taken up for Army Missions of \$729 84.

Brother Holman, in the evening, addressed an attentive congregation from the 27th verse of the 1st chapter of the General Epistle of James, and concluded by showing the mood likely to be accomplished by providing a home for the orphans, especially those who have or may become such by reason of the cruel war waged against us, in indigent circumstances. After which a collection was taken up of \$258 00 therefor, both of which were paid over to Brother Holman.

On Monday the Association met and opened with prayer by the Moderator.

Brother Carden was requested to write the corresponding letter to be published with the minutes.

The Committee on Documents reported: Having examined the letters and minutes, find there are in our bounds several flourishing Sabbath schools, and have of late been special revivals of religion in some of our churches. On periodicals, they recommended the Christian Index, the Baptist Banner, the Child's Index and the Southwestern Baptist as worthy of patronage and ought to be sustained and read.

Brother Holcomb was appointed to preach the next introductory sermon, Brother Wood alternate; Brother Teague to preach the missionary sermon, Brother Figh alternate.

Ordered, that the Clerk have printed 200 copies of these minutes, reserve 100 for correspondence, and that he be allowed \$40 for his services.

The Executive Committee reported the funds on hand, after paying \$20 to the clerk and \$50 for the minutes of last session, was \$231 75 in Treasury notes: that with this sum they employed Brethren J. D. Teague and J. H. N. Carden as missionaries to labor in destitute parts of the Association; the said brethren have recently reported to said committee "that on the second Sabbath in July they commenced their labors by preaching to the soldiers stationed at Coosa river bridge; that they were cordially received, and expected to continue occasionally to preach at that place, but were prevented by the removal of the company; that finding the northeastern part of the Association partially destitute of preaching, and being requested, they made appointments and commenced their labors the second week in August in that part of the Association, where they were met by good congregations, who listened to the word preached with deep interest; two conversions reported the first tour; two subsequent tours were made in the same section; during the last a meeting of days was held at three different places, and they believe their labor was blessed of the Lord to the awakening and conversion of many souls, and to the edification and rejoicing of christians, giving God the glory; that when the

their travels they preached sixty sermons and delivered many exhortations; that they were engaged in this labor sixty-six days (brother Teague thirty and brother Carden thirty-six,) and traveled, Brother Teague 300 miles and Brother Carden 375, including a tour they made together in the lower end of the county and in Cahaba Valley." The fund on hand being reduced by reason of the tax on treasury notes, was a little short of paying these brethren for their labors, but they will be paid without charge to the Association.

Report adopted and committee continued.

The Committee on Temperance made the following report:

That they are profoundly impressed with the fact that the evil of intemperance stands second to none on record, and they do most earnestly recommend the discountenance of every christian professor who may engage in distilling ardent spirits, or who may make any unreasonable use of intoxicating drinks.

Which was adopted.

Brother Hageard offered the following:

Whereas, We are engaged in a cruel and bloody war for our rights, and it is said some of our brethren are deserting our cause, and believing desertion from our army wrong in principle and contrary to the teachings of the bible and the laws of our land,

Resolved, That we recommend the churches of our Association to admonish and instruct their members on the subject, and if any are rebellious to deal with them as for any other transgression.

Which was adopted.

The Finance Committee reported:

Sent up for minutes, \$90; for Associational purposes, \$74, and for missions, \$34.

Which was ordered to be paid to the clerk and treasurer, which was done and the committee discharged.

Appointed the next session to be held with Liberty Church on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1865.

Took up in money and pledges this morning for missionary labor in our bounds, \$400. Brother Figh offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Association appoint some person in each beat in the Association to ascertain the number who have died in their respective beats in the war, or where death has been caused by the war, their birthplace, age and vocation, the number of widows made widows, and the number of children made fatherless, the number of widows and fatherless children in indigent circumstances, and to report the same to the clerk of this Association, who is requested to have the same recorded in a book for preservation as a matter of history.

Which was adopted, and the following named persons appointed, who are by the Association earnestly requested to act in the premises, viz: D. L. Brown, C. D. Trott, R. Wood, R. Figh, T. J. Freeman, W. F. Deloach, Daniel Holsanback, E. Byram, Jos. A. Mullins, Joseph Vanderslice, R. B. Rushing, A. A. Sterrett, T. G. Evans, N. J. Norris, Wm. G. Faulkner, Asa Wyatt, Larkin Vandevere, H. W. Inzer, Robert Martin, Wm. H. Deshazo, E. C. Horton, Joseph Nichols and J. C. Hand.

Brother Norris offered this resolution:

Resolved, That this Association tender their thanks to the citizens of the county for their kind hospitality during the sitting of this body.

After singing and prayer by Brother Figh, adjourned.

T. F. HILLMAN, Secretary.

CHURCHES

	County.....	Baptised.....	Received by Letter.....	Restored.....	Dismissed by Letter.....	Excluded.....	Dead.....	Present Number.....	For Minutes.....	For Associational Purposes.....	For Missions.....
Beaver Creek.....	Shelby.	1	1		3	2	13	46	\$ 4 00	\$ 00	\$14
Bethesda.....	Shelby.	1	3		3	1	1	38	3 90	3 00	
Liberty.....	Shelby.	11	1	1	3	3	4	107	10 00	3 00	
Columbiana.....	Shelby.				1	1		17	5 00		
Pleasant Hill.....	Shelby.	4	2		1	1	3	72	7 00	2 50	20
Union.....	Shelby.			1		2		48	10 00	7 00	
Providence.....	Shelby.	3	2		4		1	64	4 00	1 00	
Cahaba.....	Bibb.	2	3					76	5 00	2 00	
Montevallo.....	Shelby.		4				1	63	7 00	48 00	
Six Mile.....	Bibb.	4			1			36	10 00		
Dogwood Grove.....	Shelby.	10	7		4	1	5	140	10 00	12 00	
Mt. Calvary.....	Shelby.	9	4	1		1	2	74	6 00	12 50	
Enon.....	Bibb.								5 00		
Mt. Pleasant.....	St. Clair	6	3	1	7	2					
Pleasant Grove.....	Shelby.	7	9					35	4 00	2 00	
Total.....								\$90 00	\$74 00	\$22	

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

The Shelby Association to her Sister Association sendeth Christian love and salutation:

We have just closed the Thirteenth Annual Session of our body. It has been truly a harmonious session. Owing to the troubled condition of the country, several of our churches were not represented; yet those that were manifested a deep interest in the cause of Christ by the liberality with which they contributed to the cause of missions and other benevolent objects. These are times that try men's souls, and because iniquity abounds the love of many waxeth cold. Brethren, pray for us, and accept this epistle as evidence of our desire to continue correspondence with you. May the God of all Grace be with and bless you with all spiritual blessing. Our next session will be held at Liberty Church, about twelve miles north of Columbiana.

T. P. HOLCOMB, Moderator.

A. A. STERRETT, Clerk.

